

To: Federal Communication Commission

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RE: Comments on RM-10787

I fully support the efforts put forth and the ideas stated in RM-10787 as filed by the NCVEC (National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators).

The statements presented in this filing bring to the forefront the best option for the growth of the Amateur Radio Service, and reflect the natural progression in the area of communication advancement.

I know that Morse Code will always be a part of Amateur Radio, and will continue to have its users for many years to come. However it is not in the best interest of this hobby to continue to preclude individuals from achieving advancement by requiring a skill that he/she will not utilize.

With every new era in communication there must be change. Without change we fall behind, and this hobby cannot withstand any further decline in its numbers to remain a viable entity and to have its bandwidth protected by the FCC.

I urge all on the Commission to fully support RM-10787 and to do so expeditiously to avoid any further decline in a great American Institution, the Amateur Radio Service.

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